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SUBJECT: FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS OF PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI

1. ON DEC 25 FONMIN ABDULLAH AL-ASNAJ INFORMED ME THAT PRESIDENT HAMDY WILL BE LEAVING FOR KHARTOUM ON DEC 31 ON A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO SUDAN TO RETURN A SIMILAR VISIT TO YEMEN BY PRESIDENT NUMAYRI LAST SEPTEMBER. ASNAJ DESCRIBED YEMEN RELATIONS WITH SUDAN AS EXCELLENT AND ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SUDANESE EFFORTS WITH THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF YEMEN DURING THE RECENT YEMEN/SAUDI MALENTENDU.

2. IN ADDITION, ASNAJ TOLD ME THAT HE HAS SUGGESTED TO THE EGYPTIANS THAT IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF PRESIDENT HAMDY MIGHT MEET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES, INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN PDRY WHERE BOTH STATES HAVE A COMMON INTEREST. ASNAJ SAID THE EGYPTIANS HAVE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BUT AS YET NO DATE

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HAS BEEN SET. ASNAJ INDICATED THAT YAR IS LEAVING THE DATE

UP TO THE EGYPTIANS SO THAT A TIME CONVENIENT TO
SADAT WILL BE CHOSEN IN THE HOPE THAT THE MEETINGS CAN BE
DEVOTED TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS AND NOT BECOME AN OCCASION
FOR A TOURISTIC VISIT.

3. ASNAJ CONTINUED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE
STATE OF EGYPTIAN/YEMENI RELATIONS DETECTING A COOLNESS
WHICH HE SUSPECTS MAY BE THE RESULT OF "INCOMPLETE"
REPORTING BY THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HERE WHO HE SAID
HAD BEEN "EXILED" TO SANA BECAUSE OF HIS CONNECTION WITH
THE LATE PRESIDENT NASSER AND FOR THAT REASON MAY NOT
REALLY FEEL OBLIGED TO DO HIS DUTY. ASNAJ STATED IT IS
IMPORTANT FOR YEMEN TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH EGYPT,
PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN OTHER STATES IN THE AREA LIKE
IRAQ MAY TURN AGAINST YAR IN WAKE OF SAUDI/YEMENI
RAPPROCHEMENT.

4. ASNAJ ALSO INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS BEEN INVITED
BY FONMIN FAHMI TO VISIT EGYPT SOME TIME IN MARCH AND
WILL DO SO AT THAT TIME.

5. COMMENT: ASNAJ HAS LONG BEEN URGING HAMDI TO MAKE
PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH LEADERS OF NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES
AS A WAY BOTH TO ENHANCE HIS POLITICAL POSITION AS WELL
AS TO PUT YEMEN ON THE ARAB MAP. THESE VISITS SHOULD BE SEEN
IN THAT CONTEXT.
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